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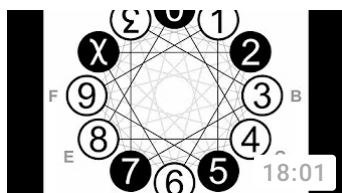
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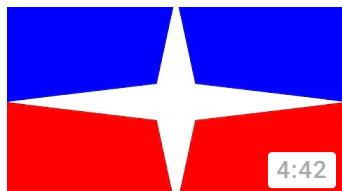
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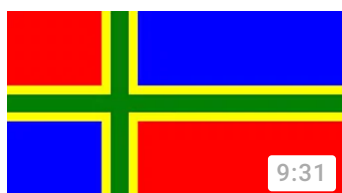


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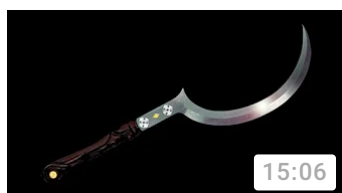


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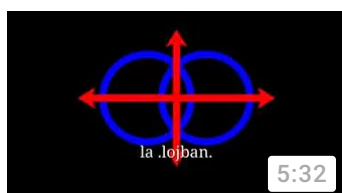


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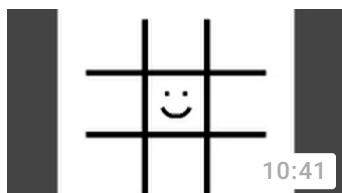


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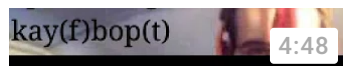


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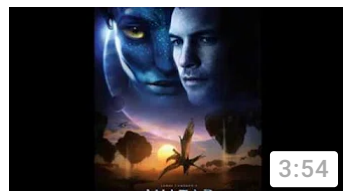
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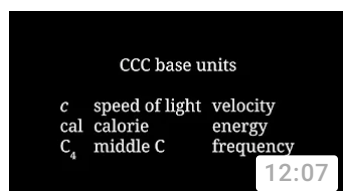
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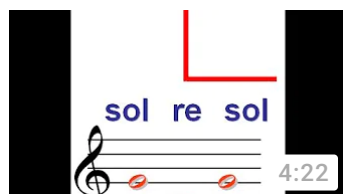
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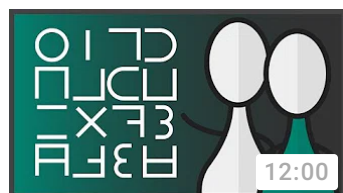
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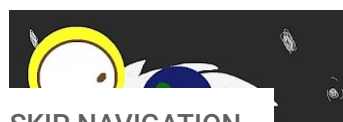


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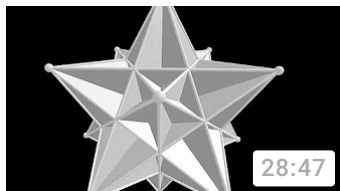
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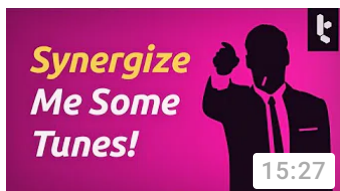
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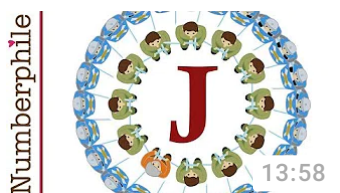
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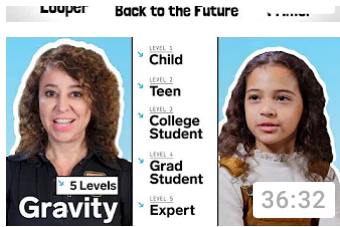
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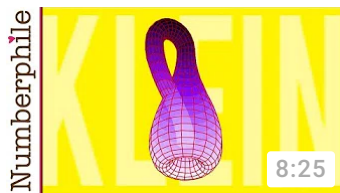
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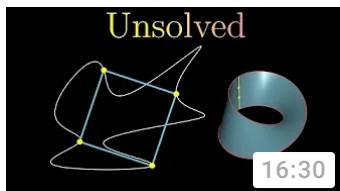
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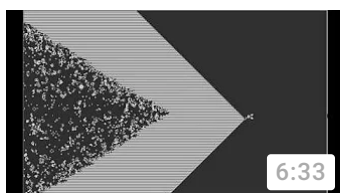
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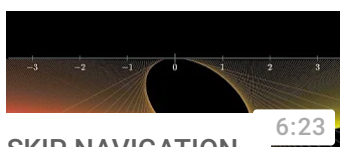
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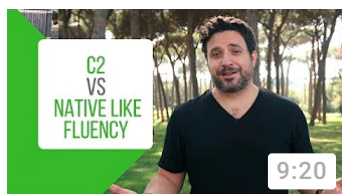
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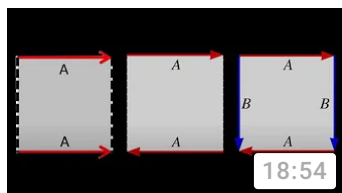
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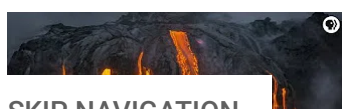
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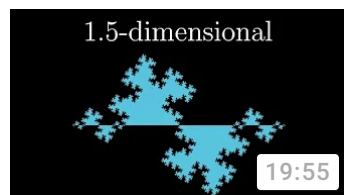
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**What A Real Movie Stunt Looks Like**

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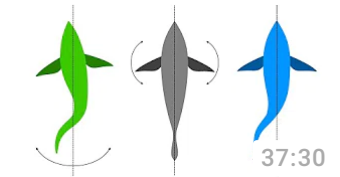
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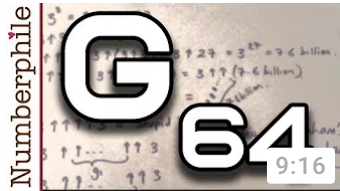
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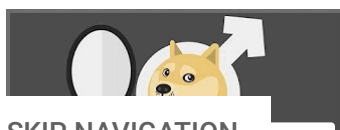


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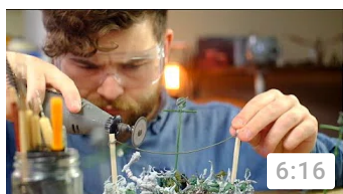


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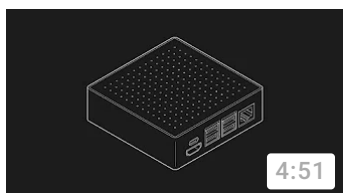


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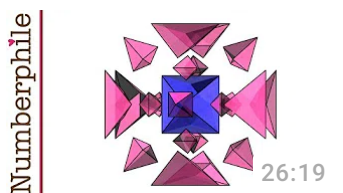
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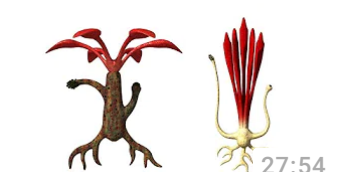


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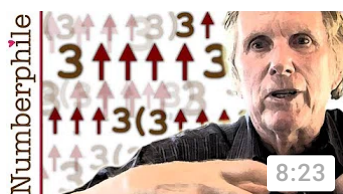


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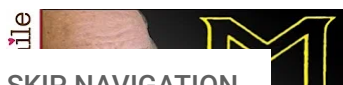


How Big is Graham's Number? (feat Ron Graham)

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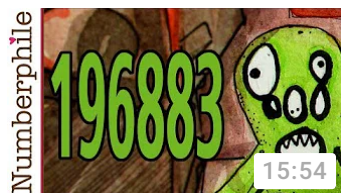


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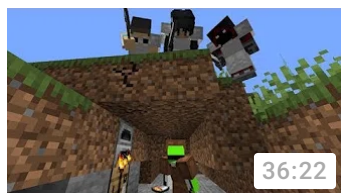


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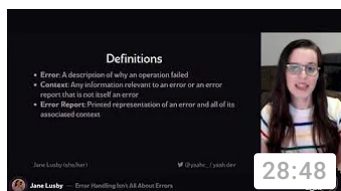


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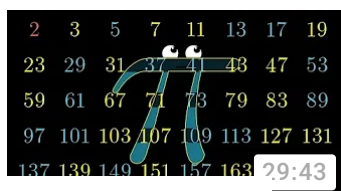
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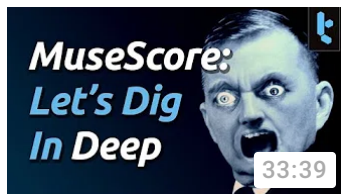
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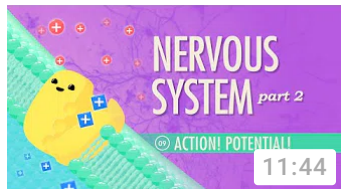


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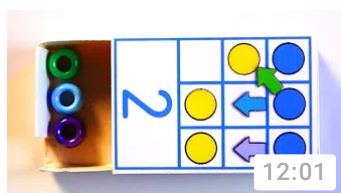


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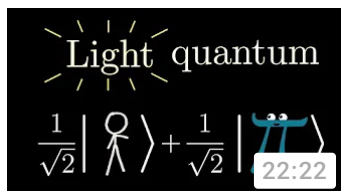


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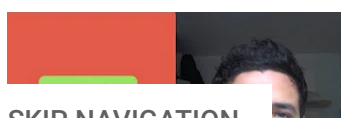


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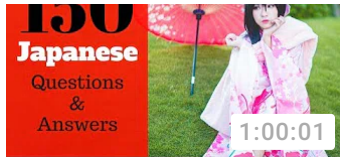
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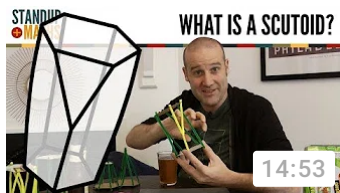
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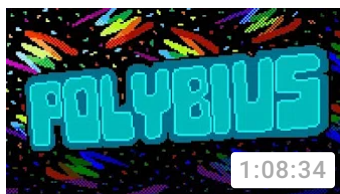
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Complex number fundamentals | Lockdown math ep. 3

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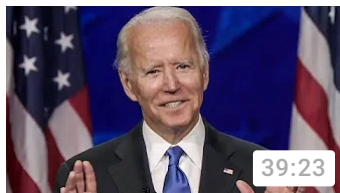
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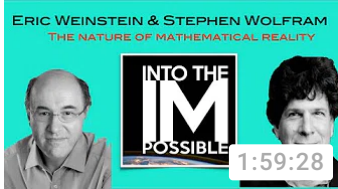
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OK, here's the new thread I'm starting on July 21 2020.



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once again the offer still stands to move this discussion to somewhere other than youtube. it would be so much more convenient than it currently is.

anyway, I've been busy making my video about regular polyhedra so I'm not completely caught up in where the thread left off last time. last I checked it was still mostly about eurocentrism? really, I'd rather get more into how the way you view language is completely different from the way the broader conlang community views it, since that's the more interesting disagreement and most other things we disagree on stem from that.

we could also talk about other stuff though. have you seen my video about hangman? it's been doing remarkably well. I'm very proud of it.



Anthony McCarthy 1 month ago

[@jan Misali](#) I tried it, a. I didn't find it easier to navigate, b. people were no more interested in the real than in play-time fantasy and "let's pretend". From now on I don't bother discussing this with people who haven't bothered to learn a constructed language. I mean a real one. What's the point of comparing a real one to one that will never be made? You should read Henry James ...



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REPLY



jan Misali 1 month ago

now, that's an interesting distinction. I've heard you call some conlangs not real before, but saying they "never will be made"? I think that's a new one. care to elaborate?



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Anthony McCarthy 1 month ago

[@jan Misali](#) That's not true, I've said it about toki pona. And as to the ones that never will be made, all over your comment threads I've seen people talk about their dreams for linguistic perfection which they have not so much as chosen a "perfect" set of phonemes for, one of the dumber ones was one in which the silly boy said he was thinking of using the Shavian alphabet for. Any of the "perfect" "reformed" versions of existing conlangs, the never ending non-stater of Ido and, to a lesser extent, Novial have histories comprising such as yet to be brought to term false pregnancies. I jokingly said I was going to come up with one of something like 17 phonemes and a vocabulary of fifty-seven words, or something like that, which I would then insist everyone call a "language" and acknowledge it had "proved" itself to be superior to toki pona on the same bases that people here claim TP is superior to the one and only conlang that has come even close to success. Hey, why don't you tell me a list of the 17 most universally used phonemes - your first criterion of such superiority - so I can make that claim without impinging on your thing.

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jan Misali 1 month ago

it's funny that you'd suggest 17 as an impractically low number of phonemes, given that toki pona only has 14. and besides, there's several natural languages with small inventories. are you familiar with the polynesian languages? you'd probably like them. they're spoken by people who use them in their lives, which to my knowledge is the only thing you care about.



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REPLY



Anthony McCarthy 1 month ago

[@jan Misali](#) Hey kid, I like the number 17 you wanna make something of it? Who says a smaller number of phonemes is better than a larger one? Where did I say it was "impractically small"? Why not two sounds? Morse code does quite a bit with two sounds, sound and absence of sound. Granted, it's slow but it is effective.

I wonder how much actual familiarity with the Polynesian languages you have. My experience is Iawaiian but only through listening to some recordings of what are presented as authentic



experience even as the more basic question of whether a language can be created, and can happen if you have texts with coherent meaning and deep connotations.

What you seem to care about is a rather superficial notion of languages separated from denotative meaning as some kind of aesthetic objet, d'art. You can do that if you want to, no one can stop you but it has little meaning when the subject is language in any full sense of the word.

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Not A Real Name 1 month ago (edited)

@Anthony McCarthy Why do you keep coming back to this? It seems quite silly to keep a 3 year old debate going.

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Anthony McCarthy 1 month ago

@Not A Real Name Hey, Jan Misali, you want to answer that as it was you I was responding to, you and your fans? If no one addressed me here after the first comment I posted, I would not have likely posted another comment on this channel. Now, NARN, why are you here reading it if you think it's pointless?

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Kentrosauruses 1 month ago (edited)

Anthony McCarthy hey it's me again. Nice to see you're still at it. I just was thinking about how you keep bringing up real vs fantasy and the realistic-ness of creating and implementing a perfect constructed language. To me, one of the main points Misali is making with this series is that all auxlangs are always bad. Like they're just never gonna be good outside their small communities. I'm not trying to speak for him, but from watching his videos that just kinda the vibe I get.

You want to talk about the real world and what languages are actually possible and successful. I think you'll find that so far, the point that all auxlangs are not actually very good is well proven. Esperanto is never going to be as successful as English or Swahili or Spanish or Mandarin as a common language. It is much more practical and realistic to make these already widely popular natural languages the official international auxlang. Esperanto is just never going to have the same success, realistically speaking. That's the real world.

I tried to make this point (admittedly pretty badly) in the previous thread, and you said "Well I don't know why you're messing with conlangs then." Which is actually kinda my point. Making conlangs is cool, they have all sorts of uses. But believing that your conlang is above criticism, or that it's actually going to become an international auxiliary language is silly. If you think that Esperanto has a chance of becoming as popular as another widespread natural language, you live in play-time fantasy and "let's pretend." Spanish has a much better chance of becoming an auxlang than Esperanto, despite its flaws. (One of those flaws being that it'll be more easily learned and understood by Europeans and Americans!)

I think there are interesting arguments to be had about Esperanto and about Misali's criticism of it. But claiming that his criticisms are bad because he's living in a fantasy land is absurd.

Esperanto is a fantasy land. It only works in the relatively very small Esperanto community. If you



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Anthony McCarthy 1 month ago

@Kentrosauruses What languages other than English do you speak, what constructed languages do you speak or use?

3 REPLY



Kentrosauruses 1 month ago

Anthony McCarthy I know enough Spanish to get by, and enough Swahili to begin a conversation. As I said, I went through the whole course on Learnu on Esperanto and have slowly been forgetting it for the past 5 years from lack of use. I don't really know any conlangs because of what I said, there's no conlang community I have an interest in joining. I like ...

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Anthony McCarthy 1 month ago

@Kentrosauruses It's fruitless to talk to someone on this topic unless they have a basis to talk about it in concrete terms from their experience.

1 REPLY



Kentrosauruses 1 month ago

Anthony McCarthy Why? Is something I said incorrect?

13 REPLY



Anthony McCarthy 1 month ago

@Kentrosauruses My experience here has led me to believe discussing conlangs with someone who has not learned to speak and use one is pointless. They only know what they imagine, not what is real.

1 REPLY



Kentrosauruses 1 month ago (edited)

Anthony McCarthy Well, you'd have to convince me that learning a conlang is worth my time. Even more, you'd have to convince me that learning Esperanto is worth my time, since you don't seem to count Toki Pona as a legitimate "real" conlang and apparently I can learn that in 12 days. I tried to learn Esperanto, and it seems pointless to me. You seem to only be worried about a possibility (of Esperanto becoming an international auxlang) you imagine, not what is real. The point I'm trying to make is that saying Esperanto is superior because it is more real is nonsense, since Esperanto is practically not superior as an auxlang than a natural language. So why not learn Toki Pona if I want to learn a conlang. Seems more fun!

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Kentrosauruses 1 month ago (edited)

One I thought of a good analogy. It's like if I made a series called "All the Star Wars movies are



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Anthony McCarthy 1 month ago

[@Kentrosauruses](#) I'd rather spend it on someone who might spend the small amount of time leaning it requires, not someone who is too lazy to put in the time. As it is, you're asking me that is asking me to do all of the work as you would clearly rather do nothing but find excuses.

REPLY



Anthony McCarthy 1 month ago

[@Kentrosauruses](#) I saw the first one. I was visiting people in a different town. One rainy Saturday afternoon they said, we can go bowling or we can go to the movies (it was during the first run of the first one) and I said, I don't like bowling. Half an hour. later I wished I was bowling more than I ever had or have since. Starwars geekery. Bad analogy

REPLY



Kentrosauruses 1 month ago

Anthony McCarthy I feel like you don't get how analogies work, so we'll skip it. You say I would rather do nothing but that obviously not true. To me, learning a conlang is just something you do for fun. If you want to do some real world thing you should learn a natural language. What natural languages do you know that aren't English? Why would taking the time to learn Esperan...

14 REPLY



Anthony McCarthy 1 month ago

[@Kentrosauruses](#) Well, you see, an analogy to work has to have a generalized meaning, not restricted to you own peculiar conditions. Otherwise it's just an weird way to state your opinion pretending to be an analogy.

REPLY



Kentrosauruses 1 month ago

Anthony McCarthy okay well in my analogy, replace Star Wars with International Auxlangs, and Episode 5 with Esperanto. Or don't, if you didn't get it then my bad for being a poor communicator.

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Anthony McCarthy 1 month ago

[@Kentrosauruses](#) Let me guess, you never took Freshman Rhetoric in college. That's something we used to take to teach us how to make rational arguments. It got dropped because it wasn't fun for the paying customers. Find out what an analogy is.

REPLY



Kentrosauruses 4 weeks ago

Anthony McCarthy You have truly impressed me with your education and your maturity and understanding of rhetoric. You taking a freshman university class has proven to me that you are
y an expert.



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wait this is still going? I found this like a week ago, damn. Just admit that esperanto, even though you like it, has clear unaccountable flaws that clearly make it not the best at what it set out to do.



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REPLY



Anthony McCarthy 4 weeks ago

@Joemoebob! What languages other than English do you speak, what conlangs do you speak or use?



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REPLY



Anthony McCarthy 4 weeks ago

@Kentrosauruses Well, I passed Freshman Rhetoric, you clearly wouldn't.



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REPLY



Benjamin Zerr 4 weeks ago

This is by far the most fascinating Youtube discussion I have encountered, mostly because of its longevity. Keep me posted. (Before you ask, I only speak English)



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REPLY



Anthony McCarthy 4 weeks ago

@Benjamin Zerr I'd be happier if it were mostly for the information it imparted, but, then, I'm kind of interested in the communicative and informative aspects of language. Playtime let's pretend we're artists stuff gets old fast.



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REPLY



Kentrosauruses 4 weeks ago

Anthony McCarthy Can you give an example of something you'd be interested in discussing about Esperanto?



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REPLY



Anthony McCarthy 4 weeks ago

@Kentrosauruses Oh, I don't know, how about the non-conlang speakers and monoglot haters of Esperanto give me their offer of surrender and I'll set my terms? How about you go look for the online pdf of Claude Piron's paper Psychological Reactions To Esperanto and we talk about that. Here's a clue, you'll have to read it first.



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REPLY



Kentrosauruses 4 weeks ago

Anthony McCarthy I read it. It seems like a lot of speculation on his part. He claims that people don't like Esperanto because they are afraid. That's just not a falsifiable claim, and therefore not a scientific claim. Maybe it's true about some people, but I think Misali demonstrated in this video that he has done the research on Esperanto to make valid criticisms of it. I don't think I'm afraid of Esperanto, I told you that I tried to learn it, it seems fun. Plus, your reaction to this video



reaction to something.

I could speculate that he is so quick to defend Esperanto because he is afraid that he invested all this time into learning and writing about language and doesn't want to admit that it'll never be as big as he wanted. I don't think that's actually true, but you can see how easy it is to just say whatever you want.

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Sandy Ross 4 weeks ago

@Anthony McCarthy I like Esperanto (because it's fun), but I might not for much longer if everyone who speaks it is as much of an arse as you are.

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Anthony McCarthy 4 weeks ago

@Sandy Ross Gee, considering how many arses there are who speak English, not to mention just about every other language, you're going to get really arsed up to silence. Do you speak Esperanto?

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Anthony McCarthy 4 weeks ago

@Kentrosauruses This is about Claude Piron's paper Psychological Reactions To Esperanto which can be found for free online. In case anyone is curious. Well, considering, first, as well as being a UN translator who spoke AND WORKED IN a number of languages, European and non-European at the highest level in applied linguistics and in one of its most challenging manifestations - someone who was considered enough of a mental health professional to have worked for the World Health Organization as one, and a licensed psychological professional, as opposed to the out of your asses stuff that is typical here, not to mention his typical level of citation and references in a formal paper - did you happen to miss those? - it is friggin' hilarious that someone in this discussion is criticizing him for making speculations when pretty much JM's entire fandom does nothing but that.

This is too stupid. I'm not wasting my time here anymore.

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Kentrosauruses 4 weeks ago

Anthony McCarthy Friend, buddy, pal, amigo, rafiki, comrade, mate, homie, sibling, compatriot, my beautiful sunflower, how the hell are we supposed to have a conversation with you? Whenever anyone tries to talk with you, instead of countering the point you return with an argument from authority. Someone says it is Eurocentric because of the vocabulary: "Well my Asian friend disagrees." Someone says Esperanto isn't the best conlang: "How many conlangs do you know? I only know one but since I know it I know it's better than yours! New radio shows!" I said that Esperanto isn't really as useful as you say, "Well you clearly don't understand rhetoric. I took a rhetoric class!" I say that this paper seems speculative and Freudian and you say, "Well what do you know, the man who wrote it is a genius! You're just a random dude!"



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**Sandy Ross** 4 weeks ago[@Anthony McCarthy](#) I wonder if you *do* speak English, I said if.

4 REPLY

**Anthony McCarthy** 4 weeks ago[@Sandy Ross](#) Why? Words I use too big for you?

1 REPLY

**Sandy Ross** 4 weeks ago[@Anthony McCarthy](#) whit? Such a fuckin wind up

4 REPLY

**Anthony McCarthy** 4 weeks ago[@Sandy Ross](#) Oh, just fuck off. JM, have a nice life but either learn what you're talking about or get into something else.

REPLY

**Sean Waddell** 3 weeks ago

Anthony McCarthy

Why do you keep asking about what languages they speak and use? What relevance does it have to Esperanto or conlanging in general?

(To jump the gun: I've got English, Casual French, Conversation Spanish, Tiny amounts of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Vietnamese, I don't learn Conlangs because while they interest me, I feel my time and energy could be better spent on more practical skills and my work)

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**Anthony McCarthy** 3 weeks ago

[@Sean Waddell](#) A. most of the people who have slammed Esperanto here are English speaking monoglots who have never successfully learned another language to any degree of use and so have no idea what they're talking about. B. even more of them have never learned a constructed language so what they say about that is even less based in reality instead of their uninformed imaginations. They might say something valuable by chance but that's a very slim chance. I'm not wasting my time taking about constructed languages with people who don't know what they're talking about. It's not as if they're ever going to be persuaded to learn another language,

"natural" or constructed. If you don't see the truth to that I wonder why, with your background in languages. Would you listen to someone slam one of the languages you speak if they didn't speak it?

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Anthony McCarthy

I perfectly accept that most of the languages I speak including English have plenty of flaws. English is needlessly complex and inconsistent, Spanish has a lot of ingrained biases and loaded words alongside some archaic words and phrases.

I'm not really qualified enough on the other languages I speak to have a strong opinion on their functionality, other than Japanese, which I'm able to have because of my, admittedly, rudimentary understanding of Japanese history and how that shaped the languages, such as how the hierarchies are baked into the language from the caste(not the best word, ik, but I can't think of a better one)

My main point is that bias or ignorance doesn't invalidate an opinion or viewpoint, it just means take it with salt or do a bit of deeper research.

You are clearly very biased towards Esperanto but that doesn't mean the points you make about its widespread nature or relative ease for Romance and Germanic speakers to learn it. It just means that I have to take into account that you, seemingly, feel Esperanto and your education is an important part of your personal identity, so when I critique it, you may be more offended because that language is important to you, just as I would be offended if you criticised a part of my identity. And because of that offence you might attack my identity or use a fallacy to end a conversation, as you have in other conversations. (Mostly Goalpost, appeal to authority or ignorance, fallacy fallacy, and general gatekeeping, ad hominem, some straw manning but I don't think it was intentional)

If you don't want to talk with somebody, that's chill. If you think they aren't listening to you or can't/won't understand your points and views, that's perfectly fine. Attacking them because you believe they're some kind of ignoramus or mouth-breathing neckbeard, isn't and just makes you look like a troll and an asshat. I'm not calling you either of those, it's simply how it is presented.

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Anthony McCarthy 3 weeks ago

[@Sean Waddell](#) Discussing languages you don't know is inevitably done on the basis of ignorance. If you only know one language and have never learned to speak another one talking about language learning, making claims about the "difficulties" of it is done out of ignorance. You wouldn't discuss mathematics with someone who had failed to learn their times tables if you had learned a lot more than that. That level of ignorance is typical of those who opine on Esperanto as documented in that paper by Claude Piron and others and in the experience of many an Esperantist.

As to "ad hominem" punk, it's remarkable you can see me giving it back but you can't see the many here who have thrown it my way first. So you can fuck off too. Now, this is my last comment here. I'm trying to give up useless habits for August and I'm starting early.

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Sean Waddell 3 weeks ago